

January 15, 2018

Karrylin Vince  
Regional Executive Director  
Northeast

Greg Rawling  
Regional Executive Director  
Omineca

Re: Muskwa-Kechika Management Area: Proposed changes to Access Management Area Regulation  
(Muskwa-Kechika Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Restrictions)

Dear Karrylin and Greg:

A member of the Muskwa-Kechika Area Board (M-KAB) attended a December 10, 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Peace Region 7B - Peace-Liard Wildlife Association. At that meeting a member of your ministry presented pending proposed changes to British Columbia's hunting and trapping regulations. Among the proposed changes, some pertained to potential changes regarding access into the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area (M-KMA) through changes to the Access Management Area Regulation and Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Restrictions.

These changes were brought to the attention of the M-KMA and other members of the Board. Because of those discussions Stephanie Killam, Chair of the M-KAB Advisory Board, the following comments are offered for your consideration:

- Through the Board's August 25, 2014 correspondence to Chris Addison (copy attached for your convenience) several comments and recommendations regarding designated access routes in the M-KMA were provided for consideration;
- We can find no record of a response to the letter, nor any further direct communications with the Board regarding this current initiative;
- The Board acknowledges, and is appreciative, that it appears many elements of its advice are embodied in the proposed changes; but not all. Members of the Board have comments, questions and concerns regarding the proposed changes and do not believe the current public consultation process is the appropriate engagement process to explore and discuss these matters; and
- In the penultimate paragraph of its August 25, 2014 letter the Board clearly expected further communications and discussions would ensue. It did not envision, nor did it intend, that these would be achieved via input to a ministry website.

We acknowledge that there is renewed interest in improving communications and engagement between the Board and the Ministry and we are fully prepared to work with you on that initiative. However, in the interim and with a January 19, 2018 deadline looming for input to the proposed changes described

above, we felt it was imperative that we raise our concerns with you now and to request a meeting (likely via videoconference) be scheduled as soon as possible with whomever you deem appropriate to allow for a meaningful exploration and discussion of the Board's comments, concerns and questions.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I respectfully request that you hold any proposed changes in abeyance until we have had a chance to discuss matters more fully with you and your staff.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours Truly;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Killam".

Stephanie Killam,  
Chair, M-KMA Advisory Board

Cc: Chris Addison  
Director of Resource Management  
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